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DELIVER TO WINSTON LORD FOR MR. KISSINGER AT  
AMBASSADOR WATSON'S RESIDENCE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

THE WASHINGTON POST

JOHN BURNS, TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, WRITES THAT JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA OFFERED A GUARDED APOLOGY TO THE PEOPLE OF CHINA LAST NIGHT FOR SUFFERING INFLICTED ON THEM DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, PLEDGING THAT JAPAN SEEKS ONLY GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA IN THE FUTURE. (A-1, 12)

A FORMER AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT HE BOUGHT A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT IN NEW YORK CITY WEEKS BEFORE HE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT, GIVING AS REFERENCES FOUR OFFICERS OF THE NEW YORK-BASED FIRM HE ENDED UP JOINING. 75 5#3 9118:8-), FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLARENCE D. PALMBY, INSISTED THAT HE HAD NOT YET DECIDED TO TAKE THE JOB WITH CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY AND SAID THE APARTMENT PURCHASE WAS A "GAMBLE."

MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT NIXON TOLD THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOW READY TO JOIN OTHER POWERS IN NEGOTIATING A MODERNIZED INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH STATED IN GENERAL TERMS, IT WAS THE MOST SPECIFIC COMMITMENT SO FAR OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH OTHER NATIONS ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE DOLLAR AND RELATED ISSUES. (A-1, 14)

~~THE HOUSE YESTERDAY SWIFTLY ACCEPTED AND SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE~~  
THE LONG-DEBATED SENATE VERSION OF LEGISLATION APPROVING THE U.S.-SOVIET INTERIM AGREEMENT TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE ARMS. (A-1, 10)

DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD KEPT THE AIR FORCE FROM TELLING CONGRESS ~~ABOUT GENERAL LAVELLE'S UNAUTHORIZED BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM~~  
RIGHT AFTER THE VIOLATIONS WERE DISCOVERED, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY RELEASED YESTERDAY. GENERAL RYAN GAVE FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THE LAVELLE CASE TO CONGRESS. (A-1, 15)

YESTERDAY, NORWAY VOTED "NO" TO THE COMMON MARKET; A STUNNING DEFEAT FOR THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN OSLO. (A-1, 14)

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MURREY MARDER WRITES THAT NORTH VIETNAM "DARED" THE U.S. YESTERDAY TO PUT FORTH AND JOIN THE GUARANTEES TO INSURE THAT "NEITHER SIDE DOMINATES THE POLITICAL LIFE IN SOUTH VIETNAM" IN A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THIS, ACCORDING TO MARDER, WAS THE CLEAREST PUBLIC CLUE SO FAR TO WHAT MAY BE A KEY HANG-UP IN SECRET NEGOTIATIONS IN SETTLE THE WAR IN VIETNAM. THE PROPOSITION FROM HANOI INDICATED THAT NORTH VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG MAY BE READY TO BARGAIN FOR LESS THAN A MAJORITY SHARE OF CONTROL IN A NEW THREE-SEGMENT GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON. THIS IS WHAT HANOI AND THE VIET CONG CLAIMED ON SEPTEMBER 11, WHEN THEY STATED THEY WOULD AGREE "THAT NEITHER A COMMUNIST REGIME NOR A U.S. STOOGE REGIME SHALL BE IMPOSED ON SOUTH VIETNAM." BUT THE U.S. PUBLICLY HAS CONTENDED THAT THE COMMUNISTS STILL SEEK DIRECT OR INDIRECT IMPOSITION OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH THEY CAN DOMINATE. (A-1, 22)

IN WASHINGTON TODAY, A THIRD VOTE ON THE BROOKE AMENDMENT IS DUE AS THE SENATE COMPLETES ACTION ON A \$1.455 BILLION FOREIGN AID BILL. THEVL CONTAINS A VIETNAM FUND CUT-OFF PROVISION. THE VOTE WILL BE EXTREMELY CLOSE, BUT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTERS SEEM TO HAVE A SLIGHT EDGE. (A-22)

#### THE NEW YORK TIMES

FROM SAIGON, THE AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT THE THREE U.S. PILOTS RELEASED BY NORTH VIETNAM ARE IN NANNING, CHINA, WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO SPEND THE NIGHT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PEKING. HANOI HAS REITERATED ITS POLICY THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY UNITED STATES OFFICIALS TO TAKE OVER THE PRISONERS WOULD JEOPARDIZE CHANCES OF FURTHER RELEASES OF POWS. (A-4)

THE SPEAKER OF THE PHILIPPINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSERTED THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD DECIDED TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW LONG BEFORE IT WAS ANNOUNCED. THE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS INSTITUTED TO CURB THE LAWLESS ELEMENTS IN THEIR COUNTRY. A PHILIPPINE OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON SAID THAT MARTIAL LAW COULD CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS TO ALLOW CONTROL OVER SUBVERSION AND SOCIAL REFORMS TO TAKE PLACE. THE PHILIPPINE OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT THIS MAY LEAD TO A CANCELLATION OF THE 1973 ELECTIONS.

IN WASHINGTON, THE HOUSE GAVE FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL YESTERDAY TO THE AMERICAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT FREEZING THE NUMBER OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES FOR FIVE YEARS. THE HOUSE VOTE WAS 306 TO 4. (A-1)

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IN BEIRUT, LEBANESE PREMIER SALAM SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO MAINTAIN WARM RELATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS LIVING IN LEBANON, BUT INDICATED THAT THE ARMY HAD PLACED TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS. SALAM CONTINUED HIS STRONG CRITICISM OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY ASSAULT ON LEBANON. (A-2)

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